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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Indiana Department of Transportation to rename all of Interstate 465 the USS Indianapolis Memorial Highway.

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Whereas, The USS Indianapolis was commissioned at the Philadelphia Navy Yard on November 15, 1932, and, on July 30, 1945, while sailing from Guam to Leyte Gulf, was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine;

Whereas, When torpedoed, the USS Indianapolis was returning from its assignment to deliver to the island of Tinian components for the world's second and third atomic bombs;

Whereas, The USS Indianapolis capsized and sank in 12 minutes;

Whereas, Of the original 1,196 men on board, approximately 300 went down with the ship;

Whereas, The remaining sailors were left with very few lifeboats and struggled to survive in shark infested waters;

Whereas, On August 2, 1945, while flying a routine antisubmarine patrol in the area, Lieutenant Wilbur C. Gwinn spotted the survivors;

Whereas, The sinking of the USS Indianapolis remains the worst U.S. Naval disaster in history and represents the worst loss of life from shark attack in naval history; and



*Whereas, Keeping the memory of the USS Indianapolis
and her valiant crew alive is of the utmost importance:
Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the Indiana
2 Department of Transportation to rename all of Interstate 465 the USS
3 Indianapolis Memorial Highway to commemorate the date of the
4 sinking of the USS Indianapolis and the memory of the brave sailors
5 who lost their lives.

6 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
7 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the Commissioner
8 of the Indiana Department of Transportation and the chairman of the
9 board of the USS Indianapolis Survivors Organization.

